

time in its history. During Pat's tenure, her agency more than doubled in size, successfully completed a massive capital campaign, purchased and renovated its current headquarters, and significantly diversified its services. Vermont Respite House, home psychiatric care, specialized home therapies, home infusion, palliative care and wellness programs were all added to the plethora of VNA services on Pat's watch. Other major services include their Adult Day and Hospice Programs and Maternal Child Health Services. Pat knew that these changes were necessary if her agency was to adequately reflect and meet the evolving needs of Vermonters. Her vision and leadership helped her agency do exactly that, with resounding success.

Vermont has much to be grateful for when it comes to Pat's steadfast commitment to improving the quality of life in our small state. Although her tenure at the VNA has ended, we will forever remain the beneficiaries of her expertise, vision and leadership on those issues she has been so ably, and passionately committed to. In her own words, "our house is in order and the agency is incredibly sound, despite an ever changing and challenging health care environment". Vermont has Pat Thomas to thank for this. We wish her well.●

#### UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST— EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations en bloc: Executive Calendar Nos. 173, 175, 176, 191, 195, 198, 199, 210, 211, 215, 217, 218, 219, and 220. I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed en bloc, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, any statements relating to the nominations appear at this point in the RECORD, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative session.

Mr. KOHL. I ask unanimous consent that the requests be modified to delete 215, 217, 218, and 219.

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I am constrained to object at the request of the majority leader. I suggest we pass this item and try to resolve it later.

Mr. KOHL. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

#### UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREE- MENT—EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, as in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that at 9:30 tomorrow morning the Senate proceed to executive session to consider Executive Calendar Nos. 135 and 140, en bloc. I further ask consent that there be 30 minutes equally divided in the usual form for debate. I also ask consent that following the expiration or the yielding back of time,

the Senate proceed to vote on the nominations en bloc. I further ask consent that immediately following that vote, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. COCHRAN. I ask unanimous consent that it be in order to ask for the yeas and nays on the nominations at this time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. COCHRAN. I now ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There is a sufficient second.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

#### AUTHORIZATION OF SENATE REPRESENTATION

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed en bloc to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 173 and S. Res. 174, submitted earlier by Senators LOTT and DASCHLE.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolutions by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 173) to authorize representation of the Senate Committee on Armed Services in the case of *Philip Tinsley, III v. Senate Committee on Armed Services*.

A resolution (S. Res. 174) to authorize representation on the Senate Committee on the Judiciary in the case of *Philip Tinsley, III v. Senate Committee on the Judiciary*.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolutions.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, an individual has filed two pro se civil actions in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia against two Senate Committees. In the first suit, against the Senate Committee on Armed Services, the plaintiff alleges that he was wrongfully denied a commission in the Navy and documentation of a prior honorable discharge from the Army Reserve. He has sued the Armed Services Committee because, in his view, the Committee failed to take sufficient steps to rectify these errors after he brought them to the Committee's attention.

The second complaint alleges that the Judiciary Committee failed to take appropriate action when the plaintiff, in correspondence with the Committee, accused a federal judge and state and federal law enforcement officers of malfeasance.

These resolutions authorize the Senate Legal Counsel to represent the Committees in these suits to move for their dismissal.

Mr. COCHRAN. I ask unanimous consent the resolutions be agreed to, the preambles be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, any statements relating to the resolutions

appear in the RECORD, with the preceding all occurring en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 173) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

#### S. RES. 173

Whereas, in the case of *Philip Tinsley, III v. Senate Committee on Armed Services*, Civil Action No. 99-951-A, pending in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, the plaintiff has been sued the United States Senate Committee on Armed Services;

Whereas, pursuant to sections 703(a) and 704(a)(1) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, 2 U.S.C. §§288b(a) and 288c(a)(1), the Senate may direct its counsel to defend Senate committees in civil actions. Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate Legal Counsel is directed to represent the Senate Committee on Armed Services in the case of *Philip Tinsley, III v. Senate Committee on Armed Services*.

The resolution (S. Res. 174) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

#### S. RES. 174

Whereas, in the case of *Philip Tinsley, III v. Senate Committee on the Judiciary*, Civil Action No. 99-952-A, pending in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, the plaintiff has sued the United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary;

Whereas, pursuant to sections 703(a) and 704(a)(1) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, 2 U.S.C. §§288b(a) and 288c(a)(1), the Senate may direct its counsel to defend Senate committees in civil actions. Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate Legal Counsel is directed to represent the Senate Committee on the Judiciary in the case of *Philip Tinsley, III v. Senate Committee on the Judiciary*.

#### RELIEF OF GLOBAL EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, KERR-McGEE CORPORATION, AND KERR-McGEE CHEMICAL, LLC

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I ask the Chair lay before the Senate a message from the House of Representatives on the bill (S. 606) of the relief of Global Exploration and Development Corporation, Kerr-McGee Corporation, and Kerr-McGee Chemical, LLC (successor to Kerr-McGee Chemical Corporation), and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the House of Representatives.

*Resolved*, That the bill from the Senate (S. 606) entitled "An Act for the relief of Global Exploration and Development Corporation, Kerr-McGee Corporation, and Kerr-McGee Chemical, LLC (successor to Kerr-McGee Chemical Corporation), and for other purposes", do pass with the following amendment:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert: